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E.O. 11652:GDS
TAGS: PBOR, MILI, LE, IS
SUBJECT: URQUHART VISIT TO ISRAEL AND LEBANON

1. URQUHART PHONED LEONARD TO INFORM HIM THAT AT WALD-HEIM'S REQUEST HE IS RELUCTANTLY UNDERTAKING A TRIP TO BEIRUT, UNIFIL ZONE OF OPERATIONS, AND JERUSALEM. URQUHART SAID MAIN PURPOSE IS TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH UNIFIL OFFICIALS AND WITH ISRAELIS RE THE CURRENT SITUATION. HE ADDED THAT STATED PURPOSE AS WELL AS PRINCIPAL UTILITY OF TRIP WILL BE TO PREPARE STATUS REPORT ON UNIFIL FOR THE SECURITY COUNCIL WHICH HE WILL HAVE TO DRAFT EARLY NEXT MONTH. URQUHART INDICATED HE WOULD HAVE TO MAKE IT CLEAR TO ISRAELIS THAT REPORT WILL BE CRITICAL TO THEIR ROLE. HE UNDERLINED THAT PROBLEM OF THE LEBANESE BATTALION WAS NOT HIS RESPONSIBILITY.

2. AS OF NOW URQUHART'S TRAVEL PLANS (PLEASE HOLD IN CONFIDENTIALITY) ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- AUGUST 17 (EVENING) LEAVE NEW YORK VIA LONDON
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- AUGUST 18 - BE 221 16:00
- AUGUST 19 - IN BEIRUT
- AUGUST 20 - IN BEIRUT OR UNIFIL ZONE OF OPERATIONS
- AUGUST 20 - (EVENING) JERUSALEM
- AUGUST 21-22 - IN JERUSALEM (AND IF USEFUL TEL AVIV)
- AUGUST 23 - LEAVE EARLY A.M.

3. URQUHART IS CONCERNED THAT HE SHOULD NOT BE SEEN AS
ARRIVING IN AREA UNDER U.S. SPONSORSHIP OR IN RESPONSE
TO US APPEAL. ADDRESSEES PLEASE DO NOT INITIATE
DISCUSSIONS ON HIS TRIP WITH HOST COUNTRY OR UN OFFICIALS.

4. RE PARA 2, AUGUST 18, URQUHART ARRIVES IN BEIRUT AT
1600 HOURS. LEONARD

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